THE LODGES.

Topics of Interest to the Mystic Orders.

A Growing Practice Fitly Rebuked—A Masonic Monument to General Garfield.

The Triple Link and Knightly Pythians.

THE FREE MASONS.

A BAD PRACTICE.

At the late meeting of the Illinois Grand Lodge of Masons attention was called to the improper use of Masonic emblems for purposes of advertising. The grand master very properly characterized such use as "a base prostitution of our significant emblems to mercenary purposes." It is pleasing to note that the craft are awakening to a knowledge of the injurious effect which the placarding of their sacred emblems is producing upon the profane. No true Mason will give such a practice countenance, and no true Mason will make use of such a catchpenny device to attract the custom of the craft. If the square and compasses mean anything their meaning is one in direct opposition to the mercenary spirit which their use as advertising agencies symbolizes. By steering clear of all shops in which such devices are prominently displayed, and by refusing to purchase goods labelled with the symbols of our order, their use will be soon discontinued and a disgrace to masonry be speedily removed.

THE COMMITTEE.

Every indication points to a prosperous winter for the order, not only in Nebraska but throughout the country. There is no danger of an insufficient number of petitions. Freemasonry has passed that period, and its greatest perils are now to arise from its popularity. In this connection the greatest care should be exercised by the lodges in the committees on petitioners. Into their hands are intrusted the most vital interests of the order because its membership is largely and often too largely dependant upon their judgment of the masonic qualifications of candidates. It cannot be too strongly enforced upon the attention of the brethren that every man of straight record so far as good repute among the profane is concerned is not necessarily qualified to make a good Mason. While wealth and social position should have no advantges in our order, intelligence and mental capacity always must be at a premium in our lodges. No man should be received into the fraternity whose mind is not fitted to grapple with the problems which Masonary offers for the solution of its members, nor who by his social endowments is not able to exercise and put in practice the tenets of friendship and brotherly love. Masons are professedly bound by strong ties which should never be broken. But the strength of those ties is entirely dependant upon the capacity of the brethren to appreciate their weight and solemnity, and their will to maintain them when once appreciated. The question for committes to consider is not alone whether A. B. is a reputable and respected man, but also whether he will make an intelligent and useful mason. Increased membership often does not strengthen a lodge. Increased interest always does, and experience has proved that those lodges where the brethren meet upon the level of an intelligent and active interest in masonic work and masonic endeavor are those in which the working tools are the brightest and the membership the most carefully selected.

A MASONIC MONUMENT.

James A. Garfield was made a Mason in Columbus, O., and it is eminently proper (says the Journal of that city) that any memorial erected by the order should be located there. A movement is already on foot among the fraternity in that city, assisted by their brethren of the state, to erect a bronze statue of Garfield as a Mason, in Capitol square, if permitted by the state authorities. Quite a large amount has already been pledged by prominent Masons for this purpose. Detailed plans of the mode of raising the necessary sum and the character of the memorial are being considered, and will be made public in a few days.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

At the recent meeting of the supreme council, thirty-third degree, of the A. and A. Rite, northern jurisdiction, forty active and one hundred honorary members were present. The full report will not be issued for two months. The following active members of the thirty-third degree were elected for Ohio: Brinton D. Babcock, of Cleveland; John L. Stettinius, of Cincinnati; Charles Brown, of Cincinnati. The following honorary members of Ohio were also admitted to the thirty-third grade of sovereign grand inspectors-general: Gabriel B. Harmon, of Dayton; Chas. A. Collins, of Akron; Theodore P. Gordon, of Columbus. The next session will be held in Boston.

GOAT HAIRS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 25, paid the greatest amount of Grand Lodge dues last year.

Capitol Lodge, No. 1, has the largest number of Master Masons on its roll of any lodge in the state.

The Oskalossa Masonic Insurance association has paid to Mrs. Dr. Ish $2,000 benefit on the death of her husband. This prompt liquidation of the claim is in accordance with the business spirit which has always been characteristic of the organization.

San Francisco Golden Gate Commandery No. 16, K. T. dedicated last week the most elegantly appointed suite of rooms on the Pacific coast. They include an asylum, chapel, banquetting hall, armory and kitchen.

Candidates for the Royal Order of Scotland are required to be Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

The annual session of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of New York, is to be held at Poughkeepsie next Tuesday.

The New York Commanderies, Knights Templar, contributed liberally to the fund for the relief of the Michigan sufferers.

The "Grand Cross of the Temple" is an order which only one person on this continent has ever been honored with, and that was General Albert Pike, the world-renowned Master Mason. Had President Garfield lived the degree would have been conferred upon him.

Gen. Albert Pike, the poet soldier of Arkansas, is still living, and is active enough to deliver a lecture to a Masonic audience.

Capital and St. John's Lodges held their regulars during the past week.

Mt. Calvary Commandery held their monthly conclave on Friday evening.

THE TRIPLE LINK.

THE BEE is very desirous to secure items of interest from the local lodges of Odd Fellows. A number of efforts have been made with this end in view, but with only partial success. Omaha Odd Fellowship is in such a thriving condition that it is due to the lodges that its progress should be known to the order throughout the state, and elsewhere no less than to its many readers of THE BEE in the city. The editor of the "Lodges" will be gratified if some of the secretaries will kindly afford him an assistance in the matter which he cannot expect to obtain elsewhere.

KNIGHTLY PYTHIANS.

LOCAL LODGES.

Planet Lodge No. 4 made a new Knight last Monday week.

Omaha Lodge U. D. had no work in the degrees last Thursday week, but last Thursday evening initiated one and proved two new members.

Section No. 94 of the Endowment Rank initiated a new member last Monday night.

Last Wednesday night, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 had a very interesting meeting, and elected a V. C. and K. of R. & S. to fill vacancies in those offices. Bro. C. E. Reynolds was elected V. C. and Bro. J. S. Shropshire, K. of R. & S.

This lodge has in view some active work for the winter campaign.

THE FIGHT FOR LEISURE.

General Garfield's Speech at Chautauqua a Year Ago—The Lesson's of Life.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

It will be remembered that on his return from the famous conference in New York after his nomination, General Garfield visited Chatauqua, and made one of the noblest speeches of his life. General Fisk presented General Garfield, who was greeted first by the Chautauqua salute and immediately after by three hearty cheers. General Garfield spoke as follows:

Fellow Citizens:—You have done so much to me since I arrived on this shore that I am quite unable to tell what sort of a man I am this morning. [Laughter.] I had never been here, and really did not know what you were doing. Last evening I asked Mr. Vincent rather brusquely to tell me what Chautauqua means—what your work here means—and he filled me so full of your idea that I have not yet assimilated it so as to be quite sure what man I am since I got hold of it, but this I see, you are struggling with one of the two great problems of civilization The first one is a very old question, "How shall we get leisure?" That is the object of every hammer strike, of every blow that labor has struck since the foundation of the world. [Applause.]

THE FIGHT FOR BREAD

is the great primal fight, and it is so absorbing a struggle that until one conquers, to some extent, he can have no leisure. We may divide the struggles of the human race into two chapters: first, the fight to get leisure, and second, what to do with our leisure when we have won it. I take it that Chautauqua has assailed this second problem. [Applause.] Like all blessings, leisure is a very bad thing unless it is well used. The man with a fortune ready made and with leisure on his hands, is likely to get sick of the world, sick of himself, tired of life, and become a useless, wasted man.

What shall you do with your business? I understand that Chautauqua is trying to develop new energies, largeness of mind and culture in the better sense, with the varnish scratched off, as our friend Governor Kirkwood says. [Applause.] We are getting over the fashion of painting and varnishing our natty woods. We are

GETTING DOWN TO REALGRAIN,

and finding whatever is best and most beautiful in it, and it Chautauqua is helping to develop in our people the native stuff that is in them, rather than to give them the varnish and the gewgaws of culture, it is doing well. Chautauqua, then, has filled me with thought, and, in addition to that, you have filled me with gratitude for your kindness, and for this great spontaneous greeting in early morning, earlier than men of leisure get up. [Laughter.]

Some of these gentlemen of the press around me looked distressed at the early rising by which you have compelled our party to look at the early sun. [Laughter.] This greeting on the lake slope toward the sun is very precious to me, and I thank you all. This is a mixed audience of citizens, and I will not offend the proprieties of the occasion by discussing controverted questions or entering upon any political discussion. I look in the faces of men of all shades of opinion, but whatever our party difficulties, I trust there is in all this audience a love of our benificent institutions which makes it possible for free labor to learn leisure, and for our institutions to make that leisure worth something. [Applause.]

OUR UNION AND OUR INSTITUTIONS,

Under the blessings of equal laws, equal to all colors and all conditions, open a career for every man, however humble, to rise to whatever place or power the strong arm, the strength of a clear head, and the associations of a pure heart can lift him. That prospect ought to inspire every young man in this vast audience. [Applause.] I heard yesterday and last night the songs of those who were utterly redeemed from slavery, and I felt that there, too, was one of the greatest triumphs of the republic. [Applause.] I believe in the efficiency of the forces that come down from the ages behind us, and I wondered if the tropical sun had not distilled its sweetness, and if the sorrows of the centuries of the slavery had not distilled its sadness into verse, which were teaching sweet voices to sing the songs of liberty as they sing them, wherever they go. [Applause.]

I thank that choir for the lesson they have taught me here. And now, fellow-citizens, thanking you all, good bye. [Applause.]

A Great Arizona Cave.

From the Tucson, (A. T.) Journal.

The party who left this city Sunday morning to explore the cave which was mentioned in yesterday's Journal as having been discovered in the lava beds, near El Rita, returned last night, and from Ben Wittick, the well known scienic photographer, we oblained a complete description of the great natural curiosity as far as seen by him.

As soon as they arrived at El Rita the party secured the services of George Reed, who has lived in that country for a long time, and who learned of the existence of the cavern from the Pueblo Indians as guide. They went out on the road from that station for a distance of about four miles, and then turned south and walked over the lava beds three fourths of a mile, when the guide informed them that they had reached the opening of a cave; a hole entering the ground perpendicularly, shaped like a well, or rather tenaja, which was about twelve feet in diameter at the surface, and which gradually widened out as it went down, met the sight. It could not be entered without ropes, and as none had been provided, the party, after looking over the precipice a moment, passed in a northerly direction 150 yards, where the second cave was said to be. To a chance passer-by this would be the last place in the world that an entrance to mother earth would be expected; but the guide pointed out a narrow crevice in the lava about ten inches in width, which made rather a narrow road for the explorers to enter, bnt by tight squeezing they get through and went straight down about eight feet, then sloped to the southeast about ten feet more, at which point the opening became large enough to assume the upright position.

EXTENSIVE CHAMBERS.

Candles were lighted at this point, and after becoming somewhat accustomed to the darkness the party continued their course in the same direction some sixty or eighty feet over mighty rocks, which had the appearance of having dropped from the roof of the cave, when the opening suddenly widens out into an uneaven chamber eighty feet in length fifty feet wide and thirty feet high. The bottom of the lava bed could be seen here and it was observed that it rested on a deposit of gravel and small cobblestones, which showed signs of having at one time been exposed to great heat. Below this gravel deposit they turned to the right and climbed over stupendous lumps of lava in a westerly direction 150 feet, and after creeping under a great ledge of the molton mass, which formed the roof of the chamber, a large well of pure, cold water was found. The time being limited, the adventurers started on their return, in order to examine another chamber. A turn to the left started them down another descent, through a vault about sixty feet long and thirty wide. Their progress was impeded by large blocks of lava. On reaching another level and turning into one of the numerous passageways, another pool of water was found—not as large as the first, but equally as pure. After quenching their thirst and gathering some thin scales of carbonate of lime, which were strewed thickly over the floor near the water, they turned back, the time allotted to them before the departure of the train having nearly expired.

INDIAN LEGENDS.

Throughout the walls glittered with particles bright as diamonds, which clung to every joint and corner of the rock. On the way back to the entrance some pieces of wood were found which were fashioned by the hand of man, probably an Indian, as one was painted on ocher color and the other black. They were so old and decayed that they had scarcely any weight, and were easily broken. An Indian tells of a cave in that vicinity over a league under ground, the whereabouts of which is well known to the Indians residing near El Rita. There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of those who visited this place but that there are passages and chambers winding their way through the earth for miles. Parties will be formed soon, well prepared to make an extensive investigation of the place, when we will be prepared to give facts where all is now conjecture.

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Mr. Arthur's Father.

Boston Transcript.

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He had the reputation as well as the appearance of being dictorial and of carrying out his purposes with small regard to the plans of other people. Notwithstanding his undoubted ability, he never met with the success to which he felt that he was entitled, and this probably somewhat embittered his manner and feelings. Yet the man was most thoroughly honest and truthful; no consideration of policy or of care for his own comfort and welfare was permitted to influence his conduct; and if he did that which was right in his own eyes, it was because it appeared right to him; he could neither be cajoled, bribed, nor persuaded to go out of his pre-determined path.

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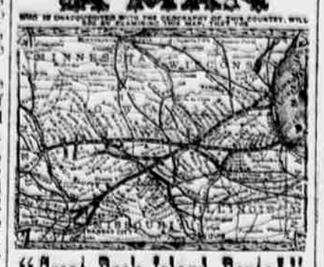

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